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## An Extended Look At Black History Month

By Vivian Grover

It has been said that Black History Month should be extended throughout the year. The contributions of Black Americans just can not be bottled up into one month. If this is done, we are bottling up American history. "Black history is American history," says Chuck Moore. Moore is a black American and Instructor in Communication at Avila.

Moore believes that black Americans have a long, rich history worthy of acknowledgement. Moore says "black history is a result of a struggle that has inspired his life and career and others like him."

To all young black Americans, he says, "do not be sensitive when someone mentions a pioneer of our history, but proud, aggressive and bubbled over with enthusiasm to let that person know the truth about what black Americans have contributed to American history. The only way this can be done is through research."

The extension of Black History Month can be an asset to all races and ethnic groups. One way this can be done at Avila is by the addition of a Black History course. This course

can "shine a light" on avenues of learning still untouched for black students as well as all the other ethnic groups represented at Avila.

The addition of a Black history course should be approached with the idea of teaching "all students at Avila" about a history rich in effort, skill and intelligence. This course should be approached with a "hand-in-hand" effort and it should be required. There should be no "walls" between teaching and learning. The root of all power is not money, but education.

What makes black history such a rich history? Daniel Williams was the first to perform the first successful open-heart surgery. G.T. Simpson invented the first clothes dryer. Jay A. Bird invented the first lawn mower. George Washington Carver experimented and found more than three hundred ways to prepare a peanut. For example: soap, milk, cheese, shampoo and ink, to name a few. Garret A. Morgan invented the first gas mask which saved thousands of lives during World War I. The gas mask is still used today. He also sold the first patent for the traffic safety

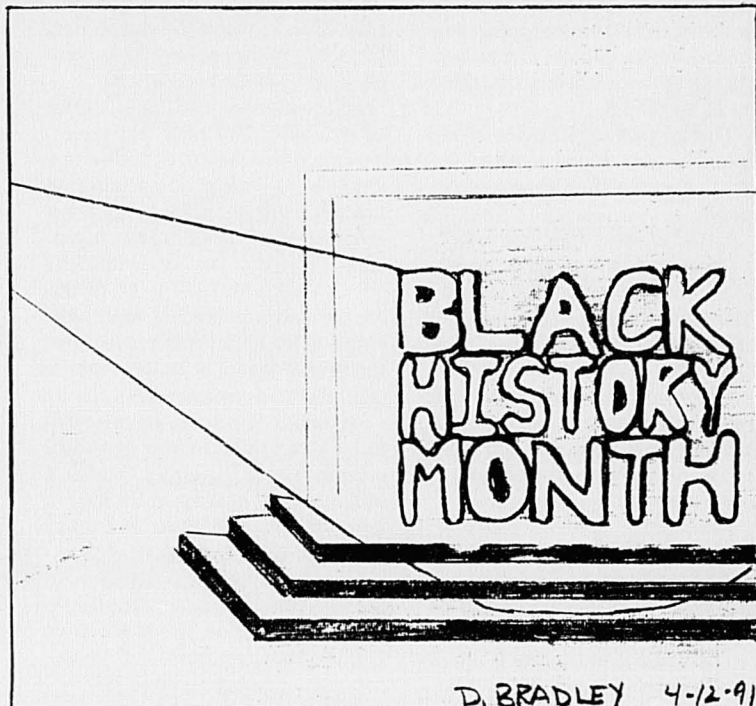
light to General Electric.

Maggie L. Walker was the first woman and only African-American bank president, of the Saint Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond, Virginia (1903). The first Miss Black America was Sandra Williams. The first African-American Senator to serve a full term in the U.S. Senate was Blanche K. Bruce. The first African-American to join the world-famous New York City Ballet, which is the largest ballet company in the country, was Arthur Mitchell (1958).

Charles Richard Drew, a black American physician and professor of surgery, developed ways to prepare large quantities of blood for transfusions for people who needed blood in a hurry. R.A. Butler invented the train whistle. Barbara Jordan was the first African-American to be elected to the House of representatives. Lewis H. Laddimir invented the filament of what we today call the light bulb.

Henry Blair received the first U.S. patent for his invention of the seed planter which we call today the corn harvester. The list goes on and on.

For all black Americans here at



Avila, "research as much as you can." There will always be new knowledge discovered through research. There is nothing worse than not knowing about your own historical background and culture. It has been suggested that Black History Month should be extended throughout the year so that

we all can extend our knowledge about black history.

This article is dedicated to all the educators of the African-American History, because it is only through education that one can learn about the unknown.

## Selection Process For RA's

By Jane Malone

The Office of Residence Life began its selection process for Resident Assistants (RA's) for the 1991-92 academic year in the middle of February. Flyers were posted and posters were made to encourage Avila students to apply. For those who did apply, the selection process proved to be a lengthy one.

To begin with, each applicant was required to file an application and submit three character references. The next step consisted of two interviews, the first being a group interview and the second, an individual interview.

Each applicant was questioned about his/her reasons for applying for the job and hypothetical situations that might arise while being an RA. These interviews are designed to help the applicant examine his/her qualifications and also help the Office of Residence Life in its selection process.

Although selections for next year's RA's have already been made, it is not too late to think about applying for the next year. If you have any interest, begin early by examining your own qualifications and then look for further information next February.

Thanks to all who applied and the Office of Residence Life for selecting the new Resident Assistants.

## New Rules for Academic Advising

Academic Advising is required for all degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students each semester before registration.

Since academic advising and registration are two separate activities, the following is the schedule of academic advising for Summer and Fall classes:

- 1) Advising is by appointment only.
- 2) Current students may be advised for the purposes of scheduling of classes only

within the following dates:  
April 3 through May 24  
August 12 through August 22

- 3) New and prospective students should call Admissions (ext. 203) to set up an appointment with an academic advisor during the summer months.
- 4) Enrichment and Visiting students should begin the registration procedure in the Registrar's Office where directions for advising will be given.

- 5) Former Avila students should begin the advising/registration process in Admissions. Readmission to the college must take place before advising is scheduled.

There will be no academic advising available on the following days:  
May 16, May 27, July 4,  
July 27 through August 11.

Registration may take place at any of the advertised times as soon as advising has been completed.

## Business Internship Program

An internship can mean the difference between getting or not getting a job offer. The Business Internship program will help students gain practical job experience while receiving academic credit; develop job search skills such as resume writing, career planning, and networking; improve and strengthen previously learned or newly acquired skills; and help supplement tuition costs.

A full or part-time undergraduate business major with junior standing or above who has completed at least 12 hours at Avila is eligible. Recent internship employers include AT&T, American Royal, EPA, House of Lloyd, KU Medical Center, Marion Merrell Dow, Nelson Art Gallery, United Missouri Bank, US Sprint, CPA firms, and many other local firms.

Interested students should contact Richard Parshall in or Whitfield 504 or call 942-8400 ext. 256.



Members of Local VFW present flag to members of Avila community.

## Atmospherics, A New Concept In Schools

By R. Wayne Moorhead, Professor, Webster University, Guest Writer

ATMOSPHERICS...a new word to you? Probably is unless you have taken a recent course in advertising, marketing or retailing.

"The term 'atmospherics' describes the physical elements in a store's design that appeal to consumer emotions and encourage them to buy. Exterior and interior characteristics, layout and displays all contribute to a store's atmosphere."

If it applies to merchandising of goods and services, why shouldn't it apply to education?

If merchant retailers owned the colleges and universities, here is how they might treat the interior.

The classrooms interior atmospheric elements would include such esthetic considerations as lighting, wall and floor coverings, and fixtures.

First, they would install furniture that is functional and comfortable. The desk/chairs would be replaced with 6-to-8 foot tables 18 inches wide. More importantly, the chair would be movable in both the seat and back, so customers could adjust their posture as needed. There would definitely be accommodations for pregnant women, left-handers and exceptionally heavy or large people.

The walls would be decorated with pictures, paintings and quotes that complement academia. They may

even set some figurines or sculptures in strategic places.

Now we move on to the essence of the setting...the conveyance of information from instructor to students. Communication stops once the instructor begins writing on the board. Why? Here are some reasons.

The blackboard would go and so would the white board. Both are counter to communication. The top and bottom 20% are unused as the instructor cannot see the bottom 20%, and it is uncomfortable to attempt to write on the lower part while presenting an undesirable sight to the class.

Instructors either write illegibly or not large enough for students to see. Then there are always objects, other than the instructor, blocking some information. Letters have to be 0.33 inches wide and 1.184 inches tall for people to read them in a 35-foot classroom.

To add to this discommunication, the instructor loses eye contact and talks to the board. There is nothing positive in the way of communication that can be said about black/white boards although they have been around forever. And probably will be around forever.

What would retail merchants do? They would replace the \$155 board with a light colored wall (possibly

special paint) or hang a \$25 screen. Add to this an overhead projector (\$100) and a special stool that would permit the instructor to sit and/or stand while making the presentation.

You cannot get by these days without a VCR. The better texts come with "FREE" overlays (usually 100) and outstanding video tapes. These aid in breaking up the four-hour block by communication through both spoken and visual media.

The instructor must be treated with atmospherics also. This is necessary for the image of the position.

The desk would be large, with drawers and a desk lamp. It should evoke stability and power. The chair would be of equal imagery and quality. You never saw a judge hear a case while sitting on a cafeteria chair with a plank for a bench. Nor a preacher deliver a sermon standing behind an egg crate.

Merchants might even elevate the instructor on a six-inch-high platform to add to the stature of the position.

Is this fantasyland? No, there are high schools and professional training businesses, in the Metro, that have employed atmospherics for years.

And, we wonder why our customers don't come back?



That Is the Truth Of the Matter

By Thomas R. Lease, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs

If I could identify and measure one characteristic most significant in determining the success of a person in higher education, it might be their love of language.

Today I had the pleasure of sharing lunch in the dining room with a group of our loving Sisters of St. Joseph.

To the shock of those assembled, we discovered that an art professor of distinction had survived more than a few years without a thorough understanding or appreciation of trigonometry.

Of comparable dismay was the confession by a math professor of equal distinction that life may have been worth living without exposure to or understanding of cubism.

Now, being gracious ladies of tact, their well-crafted use of the English language bridged the gap and expanded our appreciation of diverse perspectives on life.

There is a point to my story. A college campus community creates a unique and fertile environment in which linguistic duels, confrontation of ideas, and exposure to divergent streams of consciousness can and should be the norm, and not the exception.

This is the practice field upon which we build our skills, and develop our strategies for communi-

cating throughout our life experience. This is the safe environment for testing and stretching our tools of persuasion and presentation.

Regardless of your major, career ambitions or life plan, the ability accurately to convey thoughts and ideas is of crucial importance to success. Your use of language brings about harmony, conveys affection, can effect change or inspire revolution.

At Avila, we believe all of this can be accomplished in an atmosphere of civility. Civility which respects the dignity of others and the dignity of the community.

While it is a humbling pleasure to be asked by the editor to write a column for the Examiner, there is a sadness also; a sadness because it may well get published. Published not because it came from a Vice-President & Dean, nor because of its literary merit but because it had little or no competition for space from 1,400 students, faculty and staff whose paper the Examiner should be.

This is your paper and your opportunity to explore and express ideas; your opportunity to use this wonderful language of ours; your opportunity to share with a community anxious for your thoughts.

Do the Avila community a favor, and bump me out of the next issue with a flood of sincere expression.

**ATTENTION**

The following names of students were inadvertently omitted from the list of people who earned the honor of being on the Dean's List for Fall 1990:

**Lisa Renee Herbert**  
**Patrick Joseph Hill**  
**Carol French-Ward**

Education/Psychology Department  
Carol Stewart, a 1990 Avila graduate in Education, has been chosen as the outstanding first-year teacher in the Blue Valley School District. Carol, who teaches at the Overland Trail Middle School, will now compete nationally for the Outstanding New Teacher Award given annually by the American Association of School Administrators.

**ATTENTION**

All students interested in working on the Avila Examiner for the 1991-92 school year please contact Larry White, ext. 294 or Dan Larson, ext. 289.

**MOCK INTERVIEWS**

To help you better develop and practice your interviewing skills, the Career Development and Placement Office is sponsoring Mock Interviews on April 9, 4-7 p.m. Sign-up in Lower Blasco to participate in this invaluable program! Details are available at the sign-up clipboard. Call Extension 266 with any questions.

**Thornhill Art Gallery April 3-26**  
Rod Schuch, Acrylics  
Reception April 5, 7 - 8:30 pm

**Social Service Network Day**  
April 17, 10:00-2:00 in Whitfield Center, free admission. Network Day is for those in Social Work, Psychology or interested in Social Science Work. 23 agencies will be represented.

**Sigma Theta Tau**

The Avila Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau wishes to announce the recipients of two scholarship awards: Micki Shaw, Senior Nursing Student; Regina O'Grady, Junior Nursing Student. Both students receive a \$500 scholarship.

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**Interview Skills Seminar**  
Tuesday, April 2, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Barefoot Room. Wednesday, April 10, 4:30-6 p.m., Barefoot Room.

**Guys & Dolls**  
A musical fable of Broadway. Based on the story and characters of Damon Runyon. Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. April 19-20 & 26-27, Goppert Theatre.

**SUPER CITY**  
Wednesday, April 17 - 7 p.m.  
Whitfield Center  
Sponsored by OPPA.

**SIGN-UP UNDERWAY for April 18 Interview Day** - For the third consecutive year.

**Beyond the Classroom Series**  
April 2 Sandi Garron, Owner, Public Relations Plus, 1-2:15 p.m., ORI 212 April 10 Susan Sestric, Writer/Producer, ITVA, 12:30-1:45 p.m., ORI 204 April 24 Patricia Cahill, General Manager, KCUR-FM, 11-12:15 p.m., BOR 402 April 25 Bill Delay, Dir. of Comm. Div., American Academy of Family Physicians, 1-2:15 p.m., ORI 212

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**Focus On Your Future Series**

Several programs relating to how to market yourself and your college degree(s) are being planned for April 2-11. Sponsored by the Career Development & Placement Office in conjunction with Student

The programs are as follows:  
**Tuesday, April 2**-Interview Skills Seminar, 4:30-6 p.m.-Barefoot Room  
**Monday, April 8**-Resume Writing & Cover Letters, 6:00-8:30 p.m.-O'Reilly 207  
**Tuesday, April 9**-Practice Interviews, 4-7 p.m. - Goppert/Borserine  
Advance sign-up and resume required by April 2.  
**Wednesday, April 10**-Dress for Success, 4:30-6 p.m. - Barefoot Room  
Representatives from both a men and women's clothing store are expected to participate. More details soon!  
**Wednesday, April 10 or Thursday, April 11**  
"How to Market Your Liberal Arts Degree"  
A panel discussion with employers and Avila alumni. At a coursework, experience, and job search techniques can best help you in entering the job market?  
Time and place to be announced. Watch for flyers!

Life's Contemporary Issues programs, some of the activities will be co-sponsored by Avila's Society for the Advancement of Management.

Discussion of the Middle East Crisis  
**Tuesday, April 9, 6-8 pm**

Now that the fighting in the Middle East has ended many issues remain to be resolved, especially the future of the Palestinians and ongoing negotiations with Israel. The History Club, Political Science Department, and co-sponsor Faculty/Staff Development Committee wish to extend an opportunity to she some insight into these critical questions. On April 9 in adjoining rooms 203-204 in O'Reilly Hall, Carla Klausner and Steve Alumbaugh will address this crisis. To begin the evening

Steve Alumbaugh, Political Science instructor at Avila and Kansas University will speak on U.S. policies in the Middle East at 6 pm. A break with refreshments will follow, then at 7 pm Carla Klausner, Professor of History in Middle East studies from UMKC will speak on issues related to Palestinians and Israel. Since both are articulate speakers in their areas of expertise, this will be an informative and exciting evening you won't want to miss!

Easter: The Central Mystery Of Christianity

Dear Member of the Avila Community,

Happy Easter! The Lord is risen, alleluia! Easter is the central mystery of Christianity. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. The Apostles of Jesus and his disciples narrated stories of the empty tomb and appearances of the risen Lord. Likewise, they confessed that Jesus rose from the dead and is the Lord of history. The earliest Christian beliefs about Jesus are preserved in "Christ Hymns", originally part of the oral tradition and later included in the Letter to the Phillipians and the Letter to the Colossians. I invite you to ponder prayerfully these two beautiful "Christ Hymns" during this Easter season:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father:

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD  
(Phil. 2:6-11)

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures.

In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, principalities or powers; all were created through him and for him.

He is before all else that is. In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church; he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by through him, to reconcile everything in his person, both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross. (Col. 1:15-20).

May you experience new life through the risen Lord!

Lovingly,  
Sister Ruth Stuckel, CSJ

Mudslinging Mars Mayoral Race: OPINION

By Kim Lippert

This year marks Kansas City's change in leadership. We had the chance to pick which candidates we wanted to run for mayor in the primary election on February 26. Prior to that primary, we, the citizens of Kansas City, were bombarded by commercials, or more appropriately, propaganda exhibitions, on television, radio, billboards, newspapers and everywhere else we looked.

Not every candidate participated in those ridiculous displays of mudslinging. In fact, Dick King and Brice Harris were the only ones turning the mayoral campaign into a childish rash of insults. It is definitely ironic that the two men so obsessed with insulting each other were defeated by two men who were admired and chosen by Kansas City voters due to their ability, not their creative use of disparagement. The two men who came out on top in the polls, Councilmen Bob Lewellen and Emanuel Cleaver, campaigned by showing their strengths and telling us why each should be the leader of our city.

Perhaps Brice Harris and Dick King could have learned a thing or two about what gets a politician elected here in the Heartland. Not only are we opposed to "dirty politicians", we like to elect the kind of person we trust. And who can trust someone who believes he must put someone else down to make himself look better in the eyes of the public? If a candidate cannot stand on his own during an election, how can he expect us to trust him to act in our best interest as mayor?

One thing that really stood out to me in the campaign of Dick King was a letter my family received telling us to vote for him. The reasons for lending support were focused on stabs at Brice Harris instead of Dick King's abilities. One of the main reasons given was that Brice Harris was supported by United Telecom, which placed 10,000 jobs in Johnson County, Kansas. The letter claimed that since

he was backed by the Johnson County community, he would cater to "them", as opposed to "us", meaning Kansas Citians. My argument against this letter was that 10,000 jobs in Johnson County are still 10,000 jobs in the Kansas City area. Just because the jobs are in Kansas does not mean they are untouchable for residents of

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**Comment to the Editor**

Grainger was enervating.  
Haydn was tenuous.  
Bruch was haunting, underwritten by a backdrop of minor tones' dark tension overridden by the brilliance of the solo violin.

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# FEATURES

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## Exploring the Enthralling Hobby of "Junkin"

By Lisa Levine, Feature Editor

Some weekend or afternoon when you do not have anything to do, why not call up a friend and go "junkin"? You might just find a gold mine hiding in a corner of a junk store or in a dust box in a garage.

What is "junkin"? It is an enthralling hobby that takes you to garage sales, junk yards, secondhand stores, salvage centers and antique shops. You can look for treasures worth taking home and putting to good use, without spending a fortune.

What items can you expect to find when you go prowling around these places? How about sports equipment for starters? Tennis rackets, ice skates,

water skis, fishing equipment and bicycles can be worthy finds.

One popular item that is often bought used, is furniture. Everything from sofas to tables can be purchased fairly inexpensively. Even if they need to be reupholstered or stripped, you can still come out ahead in your wallet.

How about that old trunk you spied at a neighbor's garage sale? Take it home and perhaps give it a fresh coat of paint to match your room. Now you can use it beside your bed as a nightstand. This trunk can come in handy in a dorm room not only as a nightstand, but also as extra

storage space.

Perhaps you are looking for something interesting and unique to add to your closet. An eye for vintage clothing can help you figure out how to turn a 50s jacket into a hot new item for your wardrobe, that everyone will be jealous about.

Don't forget to check out the jewelry case. You just might discover a pretty brooch to pin on your sweater, or a pair of earrings to wear with your new outfit this weekend. One thing is for sure -- nobody else will be wearing the same thing you are. You may even start a new fashion trend.

Who knows? You might even



find some fancy doodads to tie in your hair for that little extra zing. Just think, all of these goodies you are collecting will only add up to a fraction of the department store prices!

If you are looking for something old or new to add to your hope chest, you can find one-of-a-kind dishes, serving bowls, silver, old china patterns, silverware and appliances for much less than retail cost. Practically

all newlyweds start off with something "white elephant" in their first home.

Even if you do not scrounge up anything on your first outing, it can still be fun. Whether it is a knick-knack or useful item, it pays to be selective and get things you want or can really use. Going "junkin" is cheap...it is fun...it is like going on a treasure hunt!

## Medieval Customs of Knocking On Wood

By Stella Steele

Although we live in the Space Age we continue to indulge in old rituals that we believe bring good luck or ward off bad luck. Knocking on wood is one of these curious customs. Do you ever find yourself looking around for a piece of wood to tap on? Have you ever stopped to wonder why you thought this would bring you good luck?

It is thought the custom may have began in Celtic Britain where tree worship was common. There, according to their belief, a giant ash tree stood at the center of the earth. This tree, called Yggdrasil, served the Norse much as the wooden cross serves Christians today. Bridging the worlds of sacred and everyday life, it was a symbol of life's mysteries to the Celtic

people.

Tapping on wood carried forward reverence for the cross in the early Christians. To them making contact with the wood of the cross was a most important talisman. The medieval custom of sanctuary may have been related. If a fugitive could reach a church and touch the wooden door he was assured of a safe place. Knocking on wood for luck was therefore, the Christian's way of knocking on heaven's door.

Today plastic, glass and concrete dominate our world. Finding a true piece of wood to knock on may present a problem. However, it would seem that since the custom has survived hundreds of years, people in search of luck will continue to knock on wood.

## OPPA Sponsors Super City For Second Year

By Tasha Kovich

It's here, the event we have all been waiting for! Sponsored by the Organization for Politics and Public Administration (OPPA), Super City will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 7 - 9 p.m. in Whitfield Center.

According to Derek Moorhead, President of OPPA, members have been working diligently on Super City since the beginning of January. He stated "some suggestions were given after last year's Super City that have enabled us to put together an even better program this year."

What exactly is Super City? Basically, Super City is a mock council meeting where politicians get together to discuss various issues. The council members this year are Eugene Denton, Johnson County Administrator; Ray James, Director of the Kansas

City Election Board; David Olson, City Manager of Kansas City; Glenna Todd, Mayor of Liberty; and David Warm, Director of the Mi-America Regional Council. Several other council members will be sitting in.

Last year, the council members chose their own issues to speak on; the issues were to be chosen for their importance to the Kansas City metropolis. This year, the members will discuss recycling, parks and recreation, and conventions and commerce. The council members will have extra funds to appropriate to one of the areas. After speaking and answering questions, the council will vote on which area the funds will go to. Afterward, refreshments will be served. OPPA adheres to a strict non-attribution policy during Super City. The

policy applies to all comments occurring within the program. Since Super City is an academic event, participants have been assured that their personal comments will be neither published or attributed to them directly by name. Strict enforcement of this policy will permit speakers to be as candid and lucid as possible.

"Super City provides people with the chance to see the inner workings of politics," Moorhead explains. "Better yet, the issues they will be discussing are relevant to our lives right now." Sounds like Super City is too good to pass up, so I'll see you at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17.

## Mudslings... Continued

Kansas City. I have been a Kansas City residents for almost 22 years, and I work in Leawood, Kansas. Does that make me one of "them"? Even if it does, it did not benefit Brice Harris or Dick King, even though I am also a part of "us".

Candidates for any office who spend all of their money -- and their supporters' money -- bringing down another candidate might learn a lesson from our primary election. They might also take note that living in one city does not justify taking that "us" and "them" attitude. Even though we are electing a mayor for the City of Kansas City, Missouri, we cannot shut out those communities around

us. The Metropolitan area encompasses a lot more than our own city limits, and we are influenced by all of them.

Perhaps we as voters are learning from past mistakes. Maybe we realize that we are not an isolated farm community, untouched by the modern world. Maybe we have also realize that dignity, intelligence, leadership, competence and ambition are better qualifications for our political leaders than are money, power and the art of mudslinging.

After all, in the final mayoral election, we will choose between two very capable men -- Emanuel Cleaver and Bob Lewellen.

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DIAL ACCESS service is toll-free to anyone dialing from within the state and can be used any time day or night to search the Library's electronic card catalog for needed information.

Through the computer catalog, customers can search for materials by subject, title or author and request those materials from their local public library. Dial Access will also provide details about obtaining a Kansas City library card.

To use the electronic catalog,

## Fast Food Escape at Mr. D's

By Lisa Levine and Tasha Kovich

Welcome to the wonderful world of food! Today's guest is Mr. D's, a Chinese-Italian restaurant. We consider it to be Chinese because of the atmosphere. The red-and-black decor gives the restaurant an Oriental look. A perfect time to eat at Mr. D's is around mid-afternoon, when the surroundings are quiet. This is when we visited and only one other table besides ours was taken. The friendly service and pleasant atmosphere makes Mr. D's a nice place to go with family and friends.

The food at Mr. D's is mostly Italian, with American thrown in. The lunch menu basically consists of pasta, hamburgers, sandwiches and salads. We tried the lasagna and the ravioli. Both hit the spot, but they were not particularly spec-

tacular. Lunch entree prices range from three to seven dollars. A separate dinner menu is offered with a slightly wide variety. So, if you are in the mood for fettucine alfredo, you had better wait until evening because it's only listed on the dinner menu. Carry-out is available at the front counter if you have to eat on the run. There is a separate bar in the front of the restaurant.

Overall, we give this restaurant a "B" grade. If you are in the mood for pasta, Mr. D's is a close, decently priced place to go. Mr. D's is located in Red Bridge Plaza. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 10:30 p.m.; closed on Sundays.

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A modem which will run at 1200 baud.

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Through the issuance of borrower's cards and the toll-free electronic catalog, the Kansas City Public Library is now able to offer a wide range of library services and a significant collection of library materials and information to anyone living or working in Missouri.





The Kid and Businessman In All of Us  
SPORTS EDITORIAL

By Derek Moorhead, Sports Editor

Baseball is America's pastime. We have all hit the homerun during the big game, but is this dream game of ours really a pastime or past its time.

Baseball has transcended the art of the game. Now, the players, as individuals, control the team. When was the last time we saw a player finish his career with the same team he began with.

Nowhere else in the world can we be free enough to choose our own destiny. The case at hand is Rickey Henderson of the Oakland A's. Henderson is demanding to be the highest-paid player in professional baseball, and has chosen to sit out the entire regular season without a contract unless he gets his way.

There are now more than 20 players who earn more than 3 million dollars per year. Robert Clemens of the Boston Red Sox has now broken

away from the pack by hitting the 5 million mark. All of this because of incentive clauses and arbitration with contracts.

Incentive clauses were set up to reward players for better performance. Maybe it was foolish for me to assume that the initial pay was the incentive, but this just might work for me. I'll tell my boss that I'll work for my salary, but I'll also work the same for a bonus.

Several sports experts and journalists accuse collegiate athletes for the inflating contract values and the demand for high-priced talent. I disagree. The collegiate athlete is playing the market, just like the veteran player. How do you think the student is going to pay his financial aid.

Arbitration is another contradictory term. A player signs a contract for a predetermined term, but decides in the middle of the term to

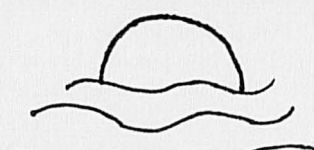


Dave Liebnitz gets down and dirty. Photo by Tasha Kovich

throw out the old contract and make up a new one. This seems appropriate; maybe my auto finance company will go for this idea. Arbitration is an attorney's nightmare.

The important question is, who pays for all this? The answer is, who else, the fans.

Men's Baseball At Home		
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The Bad Boys Are Back In Town

By Pat Hill / Opinion

He never saw it coming. His head felt as though it has been hit with a sledgehammer. His limp body sloughed to the frozen turf of Kansas City's Municipal Stadium. The silver-and-black clad behemoth towered over the unconscious quarterback.

Ben Davidson smiled an evil smile, for he was happy his forearm shiver knocked out Lenny Dawson, the hero of the Kansas City Chiefs. The fight that followed cleared both benches and lasted several minutes. The hate Kansas City bears for the Raiders still exists some twenty-two years later.

Lenny Dawson's jaw was broken from the cheap shot delivered by Davidson. He had to sit out what little was left of the 1968 season. Without his leadership, the team stumbled and fell from the AFC's

leading ranks.

The year before Hank Stram told Newsweek the Raiders would do anything to win. He accused Al Davis of illegal tactics, such as watering down certain areas of the Oakland Coliseum to make sure the footing in these areas was treacherous at best. "Hey look, they just don't play by the rules." He even hinted that Davis might have bugged the locker rooms.

This might have fueled the fires that led to the altercation that broke Dawson's jaw. Only Davidson knows. The fire did start, however, and burned bright through the seventies. For a long time the war cry was, "Remember what they did to Lenny!" With the exception of the 37-7 drubbing the Chiefs took in December, 1973 in the Oakland Coliseum, the games were usually close.

Even in the late 70s and 80s when the Raiders were exceptionally good and the Chiefs were really bad, the Raiders still found it tough to sweep the Chiefs. They usually did so by fewer than ten points for both games.

On October 5, 1986, the rivalry once more heated up. It was the second quarter, the Chiefs were up 13-0 in what appeared to be a laugh.

Then all of a sudden Greg Townsend and Dave Lutz got into it. Townsend, obviously frustrated, grabbed Lutz's face mask and twisted him to the ground. Pulling off the helmet and wrenching Lutz's knee in the process. Townsend, ready to finish Lutz off, raised his leg to cleat the helpless combatant in the face.

To save Lutz, Mark Aidickes blind-sided Townsend. That was a costly mistake. Townsend grabbed Aidickes' face mask and, with a move that would have made Chuck Norris proud, he flipped him over his shoulder while ripping the helmet from his head in mid-flight.

The referee immediately stepped in and prevented Townsend from doing anymore damage to the already beaten man. Townsend was ejected after this altercation and subsequently fined for his actions. There were five more minor skirmishes, but it was the Raiders who took the fight out of the Chiefs beating them 24-17.

The next year was Bo Jackson's first season as a Raider. To show their support fans brought baseballs to bean players wearing silver and black. This was the most disgusting show of sportsmanship ever demonstrated by a Kansas City crowd.

The Chiefs might have won the game, but it was the Kansas City fans who lost face.



Ballfield construction in the works. Photo by Tasha Kovich

I look for the day where fans will pay \$20.00 to park at the stadium. That half-mile walk to the stadium should make anyone appreciate the parking opportunity.

Once at the stadium, I see fans paying \$40.00 per ticket. To meet this demand, all ticket outlets will have direct deposit and telecheck services installed.

No one can turn down the chance to eat at the ballpark. Nothing could beat paying \$7.00 for a cold dog, and \$5.00 for a hot beer. To this day, I will never understand why the mustard at ballgames is dark brown, not yellow.

low.

Most importantly, I hope there will always be national networks to spend millions of dollars on television rights to sports. This is important to me for one simple reason. It's free.

At home, I don't have to pay to watch a game on TV. There are no lines in the restroom. The best seat in the house belongs to me; and after the game, I'm the first person home.

I knew there was a reason why I don't mind the high price of baseball.

Men's Basketball

By Chris Pickett

The Men's Basketball Team took on one of their biggest challenges of the season when they faced Drury College, Columbia College, and Rockhurst College for their last three games of the year.

Their February 16 battle with Drury led to terrible loss in which the Eagles played poorly and were blown out 88-56. Their next game took them to Columbia, where they faced the defending District 16 champions. The Eagles gave Columbia all they wanted for 30 minutes, but the last 10 minutes belonged to the Cougars, they pulled away with a 90-68 victory.

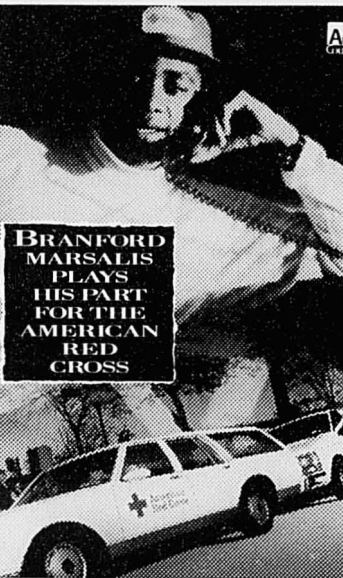
The loss to Columbia gave the Eagles a 9 win-20 loss record. Their next opponent was Rockhurst, a team they had lost to twice already. This game was a battle to see which team would end the season with 10 wins because, Rockhurst, for the first time in years, had not reached the double digit mark. Unfortunately for Rockhurst, they would not get 10 wins this year.

Avila raced out to a 13-0 lead and never looked back as Brian Strauss (20 points), Chris Pickett (16 points), Randy Johnson (15 points) and Dennis Hallblade (13 points) led the way. The 80-76 win marked the first time that Avila had beaten Rockhurst in five years.

This win signaled the end of an up-and-down season for the men cagers. Their 10 wins were a mile-

stone for the rebuilding program, but it was an underachievement for a group of players with so much talent. Fortunately, they will only lose senior center Jason Porter. The rest of the squad will return to compete for Avila in the 1991-92 season.

"I think, with all the returning players coming back, we will come together next year and set our goal on 20 wins. This year we had a lot of new players and we didn't gel well like we thought we would," said freshman guard Paul Wolfer.



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